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1. MRS. HADLOCK, A U.S. CITIZEN WHO IS AMBASSADOR RUSMIN'S SECRETARY AND WHO WILL REPRESENT GOI ON TOUR GROUP MENTIONED BELOW, CALLED MORNING JAN 23 TO REPORT LAST-MINUTE HITCH IN PLANS OF GOI, KLM AND HOLLAND AMERICAN LINE TO TAKE 27 MID ATLANTIC TRAVEL AGENTS ON PROMOTIONAL TOUR OF INDONESIAN TOURIST SPOTS. GROUP OF 30 (AGENTS, MRS. HADLOCK, PLUS REPS OF KLM AND HAL) SCHEDULED LEAVE NEW YORK JAN 30. THEIR FARES WOULD BE EITHER FREE OR AT REDUCED RATES.

2. UNDER CAB RULES DESIGNED LAST SUMMER TO CURB ABUSE OF FREE AND REDUCED FARES, GOI WAS GRANTED AN ANNUAL QUOTA OF 200 FREE/REDUCED FARES FOR TOURISM PROMOTION (REFS A AND B). ONLY RESTRICTIONS ARE THAT CARRIER INVOLVED HAS TO DEPART FROM US AND ACTUALLY HAVE SERVICE TO FOREIGN
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COUNTRY WHOSE TOURISM IS BEING HELPED, AND THAT GOVERN-

MENT OF COUNTRY CONCERNED MUST REQUEST CARRIER INVOLVED TO OBTAIN CAB APPROVAL FOR FREE/REDUCED FARES.

3. THERE HAS BEEN NO USAGE OF GOI QUOTA SO FAR THIS YEAR. KLM'S ROUTES PERMIT IT TO DEPART FROM US AND LAND IN JAKARTA. ONLY GOI AUTHORIZATION IS LACKING. ACCORDING MRS. HADLOCK, EFFORTS OF COL. ADNAN, DIRECTOR OF TOURISM MARKETING, TO OBTAIN GOI APPROVAL HAVE SO FAR BEEN TO NO AVAIL. JAN 22 HE TOLD MRS. HADLOCK BY PHONE THAT MINISTER OF AIR COMMUNICATIONS KARDONO HESITATED TO MAKE NECESSARY REQUEST OF KLM BECAUSE OF A JAN 16 LETTER FROM SOMEONE IN ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL SECTION TO HIM ALLEGEDLY STATING THAT CAB WAS VERY DISTURBED BY NUMBER OF FREE TICKETS BEING REQUESTED IN THIS CASE.

4. CAB OFFICIAL IN CHARGE OF IMPLEMENTING THIS FREE/REDUCED FARE LIMITATION POLICY TELLS US HE HAS NO PROBLEM WITH THESE APPLICANTS.

5. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO ASSURE GOI DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR TOURISM PROJOGO AS WELL AS MINISTER KARDONO THAT WHILE CAB WAS CONCERNED LAST YEAR ABOUT ABUSES IN SOME AREAS, INDONESIA WAS NOT ONE OF THESE, THAT CAB STANDS READY TO PERMIT 30 FREE/REDUCED FARES IN QUESTION ONCE IT HAS GOI REQUEST TO CARRIER, AND THAT WHOLE TRIP APPEARS TO BE IN GOI INTEREST. TO FACILITATE MATTERS, CAB WILLING ACCEPT GOI AUTHORIZATION IF IT IS RELAYED THROUGH GOI EMBASSY HERE. INGERSOLL

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